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SMAGIN VISIT

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FOR CONSULAR SECTION AND SCI COUNSELOR

1. DEPARTMENT, PRIOR TO SENDING REFTEL C HAD CONTACTED
EPA'S ERIC SCHNEIDER AMONG OTHERS AND SCHNEIDER WAS
UNAWARE OF PROPOSED SMAGIN VISIT.

2. DEPARTMENT MAY 20 AGAIN SPOKE TO SCHNEIDER WHO
INDICATED INABILITY TO RECEIVE SMAGIN AT THIS TIME.
SCHNEIDER EXPLAINED THAT AFTER SOVIETS RAISED POSSIBILITY
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THAT ONE OR TWO OTHER SPECIALIST WOULD ACCOMPANY SIMONOV

(REFTEL A OF APRIL 6), HE ASKED TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF US TO COME TO RHODE ISLAND FOR TALKS WITH SIMONOV'S ASSOCIATES. WHEN SCHNEIDER HEARD NOTHING FURTHER OF PROPOSED VISIT HE CANCELLED THIS ASPECT OF SPECIAL PROGRAM WHICH WOULD NOW BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESCHEDULE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

3. SCHNEIDER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ONE IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF SIMONOV VISIT IS TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS RELATED TO MARINE ORGANISMS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT. SCHNEIDER DOES NOT KNOW IF SMAGIN COULD FIT INTO SUCH DISCUSSIONS AND ADDS IT WOULD BE TOO LATE NOW TO ARRANGE SEPARATE PROGRAM. SCHNEIDER ADDED HIS STAFF ONLY LAST WEEK TALKED TO SIMONOV WHO WAS AT THAT TIME APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF SMAGIN'S PARTICIPATION.

4. SCHNEIDER STRESSED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RESCHEDULE SMAGIN VISIT AT LATER DATE AFTER CURRENT SIMONOV MEETING.

5. EMBASSY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, IN CONVEYING ABOVE INFORMATION TO SOVIETS ADD THAT INCIDENT DEMONSTRATES NEED OF COMMUNICATING FULLY PROPOSALS FOR VISITS WELL IN ADVANCE OF PROJECTED DEPARTURE AND DESIRABILITY OF OBTAINING ACCEPTANCE FOR PROPOSED VISIT PRIOR TO MAKING VISA APPLICATION. RUSH

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